GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Visit of Portugese Prime Minister
Gavit Dr. Heena Vijaykumar;Jayavardhan Dr. Jayakumar;Mahadik Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao;Patil Shri Vijaysinh Mohite;Satav Shri Rajeev Shankarrao;Singh Shri Bharatendra;Sule Smt. Supriya Sadanand

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Portugese Prime Minister visited India recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the issues discussed during his visit;

(c) whether any MoU has been signed between the two countries and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether both countries have also signed a joint declaration for cooperation in third countries which will encourage their private sector to undertake joint economic, commercial and industrial projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) & (b) The Prime Minister of Portugal Mr. Antonio Costa visited India from January 6-12, 2017 on a State Visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The two Prime Ministers held talks in New Delhi on 7 January 2017. The two sides discussed bilateral, regional and international issues of common interest including areas of cooperation in trade and investment, defence, science and technology, renewable energy, marine resources, IT and agriculture. They also discussed global issues including UNSC reforms and fight against terrorism. Prime Minister Costa was the Chief Guest at Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2017 in Bengaluru on 8-9 January 2017 and he was awarded the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman by the President on 9 January 2017. He was the special guest at Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit at Gandhinagar on 10 January 2017. He visited Goa on January 11-12, 2017.

(c) to (e) Seven Government-to-Government MoUs were signed in the areas of defence, renewable energy, marine research and resources, agriculture and allied sectors, information technology and electronics, agreement on exemption of visa for holders of diplomatic passports and establishment of ICCR Chair in Lisbon University. The two sides also issued a Joint Declaration on Cooperation in Third Countries to encourage private sectors of the two countries to identify and mutually support collaborative projects and economic activities.